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AND LEGAL ISSUES)

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1.(SBU) THIS IS AN ACTION REQUEST CABLE. Embassy Moscow
please see paragraph 2.

¶2. (SBU) BACKGROUND AND ACTION REQUEST. Embassy Moscow is requested to pass to Col. Evgeniy Il'in, Main Directorate of International Military Cooperation, Ministry of Defense, the letter and delegation list at paragraph 4. The letter proposes a meeting of site security technical experts for the purpose of responding to the Russian MOD Foreign Liaison Directorate's Note #3566 of September 28, 2007. This note requested information on U.S. requirements for site security for the building that will be selected to house the U.S.-Russia Joint Data Exchange Center (JDEC). Washington proposes to hold the experts meeting on August 5 in Moscow. Additionally, Embassy Moscow is requested to deliver to Col. Il'in and appropriate Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Ministry of Defense officials the non-paper below in paragraph 5 proposing a meeting of legal experts on JDEC taxation issues on August 6 (or August 7) in Moscow. The U.S. delegations for both meetings would total approximately 12 people and will include an interpreter. The highest level of U.S. representation for these meetings is not expected to be higher than the rank of Colonel (Naval Captain) or its civilian equivalent.

¶3. (SBU) When delivering the letter and non-paper, post should urge a Russian response to the proposed meeting dates as soon as possible, but not later than July 31. This will facilitate preparation and planning, including administrative arrangements for the trip.

¶4. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT OF U.S. LETTER AND ATTACHMENT:

Colonel Evgeniy Il'in
Ministry of Defense, Russian Federation
Moscow, Russia

Dear Colonel Il'in:

Based upon the conversation you and I had on the margins of the 25 June 2008 JDEC meeting in Moscow, JDEC experts from the United States (see attached) are making plans to meet with you and other Russian JDEC experts on Tuesday, 5 August 2008 to discuss the physical security requirements for the future JDEC site.

Along with the rest of the U.S. JDEC delegation, I look forward to meeting with your JDEC team on 5 August.

Sincerely,

Philip C. Jamison
Strategic Capabilities Policy
Office of the Secretary of Defense

Attachment:
U.S. JDEC Facilities Working Group Delegation

ATTACHMENT

U.S. JDEC Facilities Working Group Delegation

¶1. Mr. Brad Martin (Strategic Command - Head of Delegation)

¶2. Mr. Philip Jamison (Office of the Secretary of Defense - Policy Lead for JDEC)

¶3. Lt Col Steve Smiley (Air Force - Lead Military Service for JDEC)

¶4. Mr. Tracy Herbert (Defense Threat Reduction Agency/JSIVA - Physical Security/Infrastructure Engineer)

¶5. Mr. Steven Rosenkrantz (Department of State - Lead Office for JDEC)

¶6. Mr. Sanford Weir (Defense Information Systems Agency - Strategic Communications Between U.S.-RF)

¶7. Lt Col Tom Plumb (American Embassy, Assistant Air Attach)

¶8. (To Be Provided.) Interpreter.

¶9. (Tentative) Mr. Daniel Roh (Office of the Secretary of Defense - U.S.-Russia Security Cooperation)

END TEXT OF U.S. LETTER AND ATTACHMENT.

¶15. (SBU) BEGIN TEXT OF NON-PAPER:

-- In view of the constructive meeting of U.S. and Russian legal experts on Joint Data Exchange Center (JDEC) liability issues on June 25, and since there is overlap between the JDEC site security delegation and the JDEC legal experts delegation, the United States would like to propose a meeting on Wednesday, August 6 (or August 7 if the JDEC site security experts meet on August 6) on JDEC taxation issues.

-- For your reference, the U.S. position on taxation is incorporated into the U.S. proposal for a "Joint Statement Regarding the Issues of Liability and the Imposition of Taxes." (Provided to the Russian MFA on June 5, 2008.)

-- U.S. legal experts not on the site security delegation would arrive in Moscow a day later and be available to participate in a JDEC taxation meeting in Moscow on August 6 (or August 7).

-- This would be a good opportunity to make as much progress as possible in resolving outstanding JDEC legal issues.

-- Alternatively, if Russian taxation experts are not available on August 6 or 7, the United States proposes a legal experts meeting to consider both liability and taxation issues on September 24 in Washington, D.C.

-- The U.S. legal delegation would consist of the following individuals:

John Arbogast (Department of State - Head of Delegation), Carl Tierney (Department of Defense), TBD (Department of Defense, Joint Staff), Steve Rosenkrantz (Department of State), Phil Jamison (Department of Defense), Daniel Roh (Department of Defense), Brad Martin (Department of Defense, U.S. Strategic Command), and USG Interpreter-TBD.

END TEXT OF NON-PAPER.

¶6. (SBU) Department POC for this issue is ISN/MDSP, s Steven Rosenkrantz (202-647-8140 or rosenkrantzsj@state.sgov.gov). Please slug any reporting on JDEC matters for ISN/MDSP and EUR/PRA.
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